# PENSION COMMISSION City Conference Room 260 Constitution Plaza Friday, November 19, 2010 8:00 a.m.

#### AGENDA

# **PENSION ADMINISTRATION**

- I. Review of Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2010
- **II.** Survivor Benefits

| NAME             | <u>FUND</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| Guthrie, Bernice | MERF        |
| Lalli, Concetta  | MERF        |

# **III.** Regular Retirements

| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>UNION</u> | QUALIFICATION | <u>YEARS</u> | <u>AGE</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Milner, Anthony | Local 760    | Service       | 32           | 54         |
| Vazquez, Alma   | Local 2221   | Vested Early  | 20           | 55         |

# **IV.** Terminated Vested – Request to Vest Benefits

| <u>NAME</u>        | <u>UNION</u> | QUALIFICATION         | <u>YEARS</u> | <u>AGE</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Jackson, Laverne   | Local 1018C  | Vested Service        | 15           | 52         |
| Laporte-Bryan, Ann | Local 2221   | <b>Vested Service</b> | 10           | 56         |
| McGovern, Mark     | Non-Union    | <b>Vested Service</b> | 12           | 37         |

- **V.** Employee Pension Contribution Adjustments
- VI. Separations from Pension Payroll
- **VII.** Requests for Refunds of Contributions

**Other Business** 

XIII.

| VIII.     | Request for Refund of Contributions for Excess Purchased Service              |
|-----------|---|
| IX.       | Service Purchases   |
| <b>X.</b> | Consideration of Request to Extend Term of Promissory Note                    |
| XI.       | Qualified Domestic Relations Orders   |
|           | A. 10-07  |
| XII.      | Consideration of Report on Section 457 Deferred Compensation Quarterly Status |

#### **PENSION DATA**

#### **II.** Survivor Benefits

<u>Guthrie, Bernice</u>, survivor of the late Joseph Guthrie, member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund (MERF) who died September 27, 2010 (Survivor benefits under the MERF; Emp. #S316687 / 980195)

Effective Date: October 1, 2010

Annual Allowance: \$11,829.36 Monthly Allowance: 985.78

<u>Lalli, Concetta</u>, survivor of the late Joseph Lalli, member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund (MERF) who died September 29, 2010 (Survivor benefits under the MERF; Emp. #S424170 / 980196)

Effective Date: October 1, 2010

Annual Allowance: \$18,782.88 Monthly Allowance: 1,565.24

#### **III.** Regular Retirements

<u>AMOUNT</u>

8,480.73

Milner, Anthony

Emp. # 519235 / 990295

Union: Local 760

Monthly Payment:

|                              |                  | Years | Months | Days     |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Term of Service (including S | sick Exchange):  | 32    | 0      | 0        |
| Sick Exchange:               |                  | 2     | 0      | 0        |
| Grounds:                     | Service          |       |        |          |
| Effective Date:              | October 30, 2010 |       |        |          |
| Average Salary:              | Final Base Pay   |       | \$ 119 | 9,727.92 |
| Pension Allowed:             | 85.00 %          |       | 101    | ,768.76  |

## **III.** Regular Retirements (continued)

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Vazquez, Alma

Emp. # 901520 / 990294

Union: Local 2221

|                            |                 | Years | Months | Days |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|------|
| Term of Service (including | Sick Exchange): | 20    | 0      | 0    |
| Sick Exchange:             |                 | 0     | 0      | 0    |
| Grounds:                   | Vested Forly    |       |        |      |

Grounds: Vested Early
Effective Date: November 6, 2010

Termination Date: July 4, 2008

Average Salary: Highest 3 out of last 5 years \$27,254.99

Final Base Pay 25,753.00

Pension Allowed:

Unreduced Pension: 50.00 % \$ 13,627.44
Early Reduction Factor: 4.00 % for each year prior to age 60 20.00 %
Reduced Pension: \$ 10,902.00
Monthly Payment: 908.50

## IV. Terminated Vested – Request to Vest Benefits

**AMOUNT** 

<u>Jackson, Laverne</u> Emp. # 909047

Union: Local 1018C

Date of Termination:

Term of Service:

Grounds:

July 13, 2010

15 years

Vested Service

Normal Retirement Date: October 14, 2017 (Age 60)

Average Salary: Highest 5 out of the last 10 years \$43,635.24 Final Base Pay 47,856.00

Pension Allowed: 30.00 % 13,090.56

Monthly Payment: 1,090.88

#### IV. **Terminated Vested – Request to Vest Benefits (continued)**

**AMOUNT** 

Laporte-Bryan, Ann

Emp. # 943707 & 920007

Union: Local 2221

Date of Termination: June 18, 2010 Term of Service: 10 years

Grounds: **Vested Service** 

Normal Retirement Date: June 28, 2014 (Age 60)

Average Salary: Highest 3 out of the last 5 years \$ 35,405.54

Final Base Pay 23,134.98

Pension Allowed: 25.00 % 8,851.44 Monthly Payment:

737.62

McGovern, Mark

Emp. # 945097

Union: Non-Union

Date of Termination: August 3, 2010

Term of Service (Including Purchased 12 years

Service):

**HEDC Service:** 4 years

Qualified Non-City Service: 2 years, 10 months and 26 days

Grounds: **Vested Service** 

Normal Retirement Date: August 18, 2032 (Age 60)

Highest 2 out of the last 5 years \$ 126,109.40 Average Salary:

> Final Base Pay 126,500.00

Pension Allowed: 30.00 % 37,832.88

Monthly Payment: 3,152.74

### V. Employee Pension Contribution Adjustments

## 1. <u>Contributions Owed to the Employee</u>

Taylor, Kimberly

Amount Due: \$817.01 Interest Due: 102.53

Reason: Kimberly Taylor has defaulted on the promissory note she

signed allowing her to purchase CMERS pension service under an extended payment plan. As a result of the default, any employee contributions transferred from CMERS to the MERF are to be returned to the individual and the purchase irrevocably cancelled. Ms. Taylor did not make any payments toward the note and she is aware that she has

defaulted on her note.

It is my recommendation that the Commission authorize a refund of the CMERS contributions transferred toward the service purchase.

### VI. Separations from Pension Payroll

| <b>EMPLOYEE</b> |                  | DATE OF      | PENSION       | PENSION     |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>NUMBER</b>   | <u>NAME</u>      | <b>DEATH</b> | <b>AMOUNT</b> | <u>PLAN</u> |
|                 |                  |              |               |             |
| 136409          | Cooney, John     | 10/27/2010   | \$ 3,603.70   | <b>MERF</b> |
| 191906          | Dewey, Marie J.  | 10/24/2010   | 469.28        | <b>MERF</b> |
| S262412         | Forbis, Noemy    | 08/01/2010   | 489.06        | <b>MERF</b> |
| 317578          | Hadden, Margaret | 09/29/2010   | 1,007.66      | <b>MERF</b> |
| 980181          | Lattimore, Ester | 10/13/2010   | 958.07        | <b>MERF</b> |
| 615811          | Ramondetta, John | 10/30/2010   | 995.56        | <b>MERF</b> |
| 765953          | West, George Y.  | 10/13/2010   | 1,487.84      | <b>MERF</b> |
| 792136          | Zahorodin, Mary  | 10/20/2010   | 551.30        | <b>MERF</b> |

# **VII.** Request for Refunds of Pension Contributions

| NAME               | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Brown, Ashley      | \$ 2,193.89   |
| Casales, Jardy     | 1,639.73      |
| Davis, Clarice     | 2,057.82      |
| Edouord, Cassandre | 3,730.06      |
| Ieraci, Kevin      | 10,792.27     |
| Jayne, Erika       | 2,152.50      |
| Kemp, William      | 1,189.78      |
| Lawson, Karen      | 11,323.91     |
| McFarlane, Tamara  | 1,824.44      |
| Murrell, Kereme    | 8,399.79      |
| Myers, Brandon     | 1,784.24      |
| Neah, Cyrus        | 13,577.19     |
| Obot, Eme          | 2,528.02      |
| Paneva, Rumiana    | 2,927.19      |
| Radney, Crystal    | 2,208.53      |
| Riverio, Vincent   | 17,302.44     |
| Rodriguez, Hilda   | 2,935.19      |
| Stross, Jill       | 3,410.70      |
| Tyler, Maria       | 6,942.31      |

None of the above members is vested, or, if vested, he or she has been informed of, and has waived, his or her rights to a vested benefit in lieu of a contribution refund.

The amounts shown above do not include interest accrued after 2002.

## VIII. Request for Refund of Contributions for Excess Purchased Service

| Name           | Amount Due: | Service Type               |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| McGovern, Mark | \$ 4,103.96 | Qualified Non-City Service |

#### IX. Service Purchases

#### Routine Service Purchases

The following individuals have requested the purchase of additional pension service under the provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Hartford, Article I, Division I, Section 2A-8.

| NAME               | TYPE              | ΔΜΟΙΙ | NT          |    | <u>PURCHASE</u><br>PRICE |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------|----|--------------------------|
| WAVE               | <del></del>       |       | Months Days |    | IRICL                    |
| Farrell, Sally **  | Prior City        | 4     | 9           | 26 | \$ 6,245.14              |
| Musumeci, Angelo * | CMERS             | 23    |             | 5  | 39,899.88                |
| Ramos, Dayma **    | <b>Prior City</b> | 7     | 2           | 15 | 12,310.04                |

<sup>\*</sup> This individual has completed his service purchase.

#### X. Request to Extend Term of Promissory Note

The Pension Unit has received a request from Michelle Webber to extend the term of her promissory note for one year to January 31, 2012.

Ms. Webber has encountered financial hardship and will have difficulty obtaining the full amount that is due on January 31, 2011, the payment date of her current promissory note.

- ☐ The note was issued with respect to Ms. Webber's request to purchase her CMERS service.
- The principal amount of the promissory note was \$12,807.37. Ms. Webber has made two payments toward her promissory note and the current outstanding balance, including accrued interest, is approximately \$6,800.

Ms. Webber believes she will be able to obtain the balance, plus the additional interest that will accrue, within the next year.

My recommendation is for the Commission to extend the term of the note for one year to January 31, 2012. I also recommend that interest on the extended note be based on Treasury Bill rates.

The above conforms to the position of the Commission in prior instances where extensions are requested.

<sup>\*\*</sup>This individual requested payroll deduction.

#### **XI.** Qualified Domestic Relations Orders

#### **MERF**

QDRO: 10-07

Entered into Court Records: April 23, 2010
Benefit Calculation Date: April 23, 2010

|                                      |           | <u>Percentage</u> | Dollar Amount |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|
| Benefit Assigned to Alternate Payee: | Monthly:  | 23.00 %           | \$ 1,495.80   |
| Pension Contributions Assigned:      | Pre-Tax:  | 23.00 %           | 18,216.53     |
|                                      | Post-Tax: | 23.00 %           | 10,968.86     |
|                                      | Interest: | 23.00 %           | 0.00          |

Alternate Payee Retirement Date: November 1, 2010

Comments: The Pension Unit has received a properly executed Qualified

Domestic Relations order (QDRO) relating to the above case.

It is my recommendation that the Commission approve the pending QDRO with respect to the MERF with benefits assigned as indicated above and also approve payment to the Alternate Payee effective no earlier than November 1, 2010 and subject to receipt of a properly executed *Application for Pension*.